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The amendment document filed on 22 July 2005 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

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| 2. Abstract: A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72. B. Other |
| 3. Amendments to the drawings: A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d). B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required. C. Other |
| ✓ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present. ☐ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims) ☑ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended). ☐ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order. ☑ E. Other: See attached. |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. On 22 July 2005, the Office received the attached facsimile transmission from the Yamada Patent Office. It appears that this missive was intended for the attorney of record in the case and was transmitted to the wrong destination. It was, however, entered into the record as an after final amendment.

2. Clearly, the facsimile is <u>not</u> and amendment, but in order to satisfy the Office's administrative requirements, Examiner must issue a Notice of Nonresponsive Amendment.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's primary, Jessica Harrison can be reached on (571) 272-4449. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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